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## **PINCONNING TO RECEIVE \$60,000 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT**

(LANSING)—State Senator Jim Barcia (D-Bay City) confirmed today that the city of Pinconning would be receiving a \$60,000 Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) community block grant for their downtown enhancement project.

“This grant is part of the MEDC’s Building Downtowns 2003 program,” said Barcia. “Pinconning will use the money to fund a streetscape project, including new landscaping, benches, decorative lighting, and other downtown improvements.”

This MEDC grant is part of a larger Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Enhancement grant that will be paying for the majority of the streetscape activities. These downtown improvements will enable the Oakwood Company to invest \$2 million for the construction of a senior housing facility with 28 units of rental housing in downtown Pinconning. The Oakwood Company was organized specifically for the purpose of building affordable housing throughout the state of Michigan.

“Both the streetscape project and the senior housing development are important investments for the Pinconning community,” said Barcia. “These downtown enhancements can open the door for additional new investment in the city and surrounding areas.”

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State Senator Jim Barcia represents the 31<sup>st</sup> Senate District, which includes Arenac, Bay, Huron, Sanilac, and Tuscola counties. He is a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, where he serves as Vice-Chair of the subcommittees on Agriculture, Environmental Quality, Natural Resources, and Transportation.

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